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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, Applicant elects the invention of Group VI, claims 14-18.

Claims 1, 2, and 14-18 are directed to the elected invention.

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